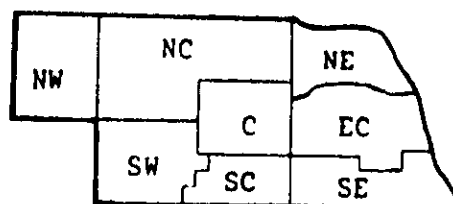


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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged near normal for the period. Showers and thunderstorms averaged 1/4 to 1/2 inch over the panhandle and up to 2-2 1/2 inches over the Southeast portion--some localities receiving over 4 inches.

GENERAL

Showers and thunderstorms over much of the State last week once again slowed field-work activities with several counties having fieldwork stopped completely. These rains continue to improve the condition and outlook for winter wheat, oats, and pastures. Field preparation had progressed well prior to the rains and many farmers are now ready and waiting to begin spring corn planting.

Topsoil moisture supplies continued to improve with the recent rains and are now short in 10% of the counties, adequate in 84% and surplus in 6%. Subsoil moisture supplies also improved to 71% short, 28% adequate, and 1% surplus. A year ago, topsoil was 20% short and subsoil 91% short.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition improved again last week and is now reported at 14% poor,

64% fair, and 22% good. Reports indicate that the wheat that survived the dry fall and winter months and didn't winterkill is growing well and looking good in several areas due to the recent moisture.

Alfalfa and wild hay are in mostly fair to good condition statewide.

Corn planting has begun in most areas of the State, but has been somewhat limited in activity as the rains kept the amount planted to 5%. Many farmers are ready to begin or resume planting as soon as the weather permits.

Sugar beet planting continues to make rapid progress, but some farmers were slowed as rains delayed planting activities.

Seeding of small grains continues with both oats and barley about 95% planted. This compares with 40% planted for both oats and barley a year ago.

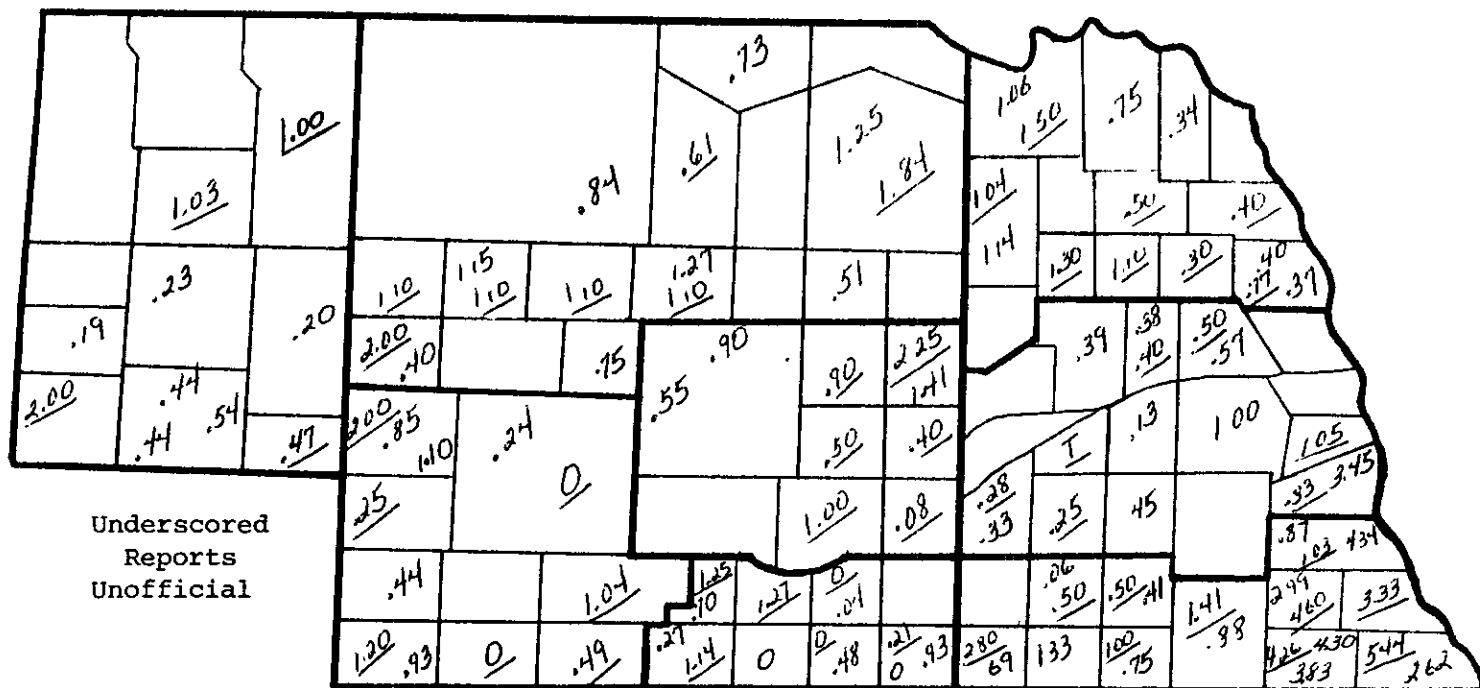
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies improved this last week but are short in 63% of the counties reporting. Pastures are growing and greening up providing some feed. Some areas need additional growth before heavy usage.

Precipitation, April 1 - April 23, 1976

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.30	.80	1.20	.80	1.40	.50	.50	2.30
Total since April 1.....	1.60	2.00	3.40	3.00	4.50	2.00	3.70	5.60
Normal since April 1.....	1.20	1.44	1.78	1.56	1.94	1.27	1.54	1.95

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1976



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1976

Station		Temperatures				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches ^{1/}
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	69	31	50	--	.05
	Scottsbluff	74	33	50	+1	.11
	Sidney	68	30	47	--	--
NC	Burwell	71	32	50	--	.37
	Valentine	70	32	48	+1	.84
NE	Norfolk	70	37	53	+1	.90
	Sioux City	68	35	52	-1	1.23
CEN	Grand Island	77	34	53	0	.13
EC	Lincoln	79	37	54	0	1.48
	Omaha	80	37	56	+1	1.30
SW	Imperial	75	35	52	--	0
	North Platte	72	27	49	-2	T

^{1/} Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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